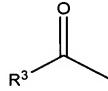
AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by the following general formula:

wherein R¹ and R² independently represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 26 carbon atoms, R³ represents a hydrocarbon group having 7 to 10 having 8 to 10 carbon atoms.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms.
- 3. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1, which is N-2-ethylhexanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide, N-octanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide, or N-decanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.
- 4. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1, which is N-2-ethylhexanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.
- 5. (Withdrawn) A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to Claim 1.
- 6. (Withdrawn) A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to Claim 1 and N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.
- 7. (Withdrawn) The gelling agent according to Claim 6, wherein a ration ratio of total weight of said compound and weight of N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide is 35:5 to 5:35.
- 8. (Withdrawn) A gel composition containing (a) a gelling agent according to Claim 5, and (b) at least one oil.

- 9. (Withdrawn) The gel composition according to Claim 8, which is a translucent composition.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The gel composition according to Claim 8, which further contains (c) at least one antiperspirant active ingredient.
 - 11. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic comprising a gel composition according to Claim 8.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R³ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 9 carbon atoms.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 2, wherein R³ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 9 carbon atoms.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 2, wherein R¹ and R² independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein the moiety in the formula represented by:



is selected from the group consisting of n-octanoyl, n-nonanoyl, n-decanoyl, n-undecanoyl and 2-ethylhexanoyl.

- 16. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is in a hydrate form.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is in a crystal form.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is isolated.

- 19. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is purified.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is chemically synthesized.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The cosmetic according to Claim 11, further comprising one or more additives selected from the group consisting of a chelating agent, a gelling agent, a surfactant, an amino acid, a polyhydric alcohol, a polyamino acid, a water-soluble polymer, a sugar alcohol, a lower alcohol, an animal extract, a plant extract, a nucleic acid, a vitamin, an enzyme, an anti-inflammatory agent, an antibacterial agent, a preservative, an antioxidant, an ultraviolet absorber, an antiperspirant, a pigment, a dye, an oxidation dye, an organic fine particle, an inorganic fine particle, a pH adjusting agent, a pearling agent, and a wetting agent.
 - 22. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic comprising a gel composition according to Claim 10.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The cosmetic according to Claim 22, further comprising one or more additives selected from the group consisting of a chelating agent, a gelling agent, a surfactant, an amino acid, a polyhydric alcohol, a polyamino acid, a water-soluble polymer, a sugar alcohol, a lower alcohol, an animal extract, a plant extract, a nucleic acid, a vitamin, an enzyme, an anti-inflammatory agent, an antibacterial agent, a preservative, an antioxidant, an ultraviolet absorber, a pigment, a dye, an oxidation dye, an organic fine particle, an inorganic fine particle, a pH adjusting agent, a pearling agent, and a wetting agent.
 - 24. (Previously Presented) A compound represented by the following general formula:

wherein R¹ and R² independently represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 26 carbon atoms, R³ represents a hydrocarbon group having 7 to 10 carbon atoms.

- 25. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein R¹ and R² independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms
- 26. (Withdrawn) A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to Claim 24.
- 27. (Withdrawn) A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to Claim 24 and N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.
- 28. (Withdrawn) The gelling agent according to Claim 27, wherein a ration of total weight of said compound and weight of N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide is 35:5 to 5:35.
- 29. (Withdrawn) A gel composition containing (a) a gelling agent according to Claim 24, and (b) at least one oil.
- 30. (Withdrawn) The gel composition according to Claim 29, which is a translucent composition.
- 31. (Withdrawn) The gel composition according to Claim 29, which further contains (c) at least one antiperspirant active ingredient.
 - 32. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic comprising a gel composition according to Claim 29.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein R³ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 9 carbon atoms.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 25, wherein R³ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 9 carbon atoms.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 25, wherein R¹ and R² independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms.

36. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein the moiety in the formula represented by:

is selected from the group consisting of n-octanoyl, n-nonanoyl, n-decanoyl, n-undecanoyl and 2-ethylhexanoyl.

- 37. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is in a hydrate form.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is in a crystal form.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is isolated.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is purified.
- 41. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is chemically synthesized.